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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: OHKUBO et al.  
For: REPRODUCED SIGNAL EQUALIZING METHOD FOR OPTICAL INFORMATION  
MEDIA AND OPTICAL INFORMATION REPRODUCING/RECORDING APPARATUS

Enclosed are the following:

- ☒ Letter: SUBMISSION OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION
- ☒ Specification 16 pages; Claims 3 pages; Abstract 1 page
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Sheet(s) of drawings 5 pages
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ A certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_ application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 by way of Japanese patent application  
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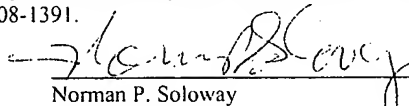
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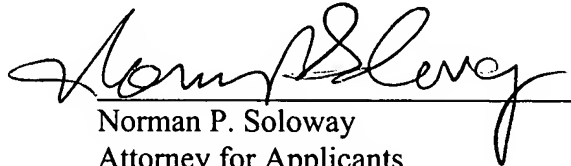
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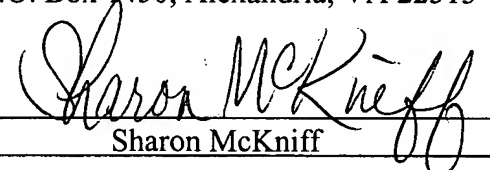
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